



**CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**March 8, 2016**

### **The Citizens Oversight Committee**

Measure H, authorizing the issuance of \$40 million of general obligation bonds, was approved by the voters within the Sonoma Unified School District in November, 2010. Pursuant to the provisions of the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 the Board of Trustees was required to appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee after the successful bond election.

The primary charge of the Oversight Committee is to inform the public about the expenditure of bond revenues and to ensure these revenues are spent for the purposes described in Measure H. Activities and duties of the Committee are found in Sections 15278 et. seq. of the Education Code.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is required to have representatives from the following:

1. One member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District.
2. One member active in a senior citizens' organization.
3. One member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.
4. One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
5. One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and who is active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the PTA or school site council.
6. Two other members, selected from the public at large.

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following were appointed to the Citizens Oversight Committee by the Board of Trustees:

**George McKale, Chairman**, has been a member of the Oversight Committee since its inception in 2011. George is an archaeologist and has been the City of Sonoma Historian since March, 2008. George's four children have attended and are currently attending Sonoma Valley schools. George is also a member of the City of Sonoma Cemetery Committee, Chair/Founder of Friends of Sonoma Cemeteries, committee member of The Olompali People (Olompali State Park) and has coached various soccer, baseball and basketball teams.

**Chris McNairy, Vice Chair**, is a Sales Manager for Hunter Industries. Chris' children attend Sonoma Valley Unified School District Schools and has served on the Sonoma Charter School Governing Board, Sonoma Charter School PTO and the Sonoma Valley High School Master Planning Committee. Additionally, Chris is active in the Boy Scouts, Little League, Babe Ruth and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

**Sally Hilliard, Secretary**, is bookkeeper for Century 21 Wine Country Realty and volunteers at the Vintage House and Sonoma Valley Chorale. Sally is a charter member of the Sonoma Valley Business Exchange and has participated on the Middle School Resources Board and has mentored two children.

**Kevin Berger** is a Civil Engineer for the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department.

**Veronica Brooks** has been a member of the Oversight Committee since its inception. Currently Veronica is the Office Manager/Bookkeeper for Benchmark Construction. Veronica's three children all attended Sonoma Valley schools. She has been an active member of the SVHS Booster club and her children's school site council and PTO's while they were attending school.

**Becky Elster** is the Sonoma Branch Manager for the Exchange Bank. Becky has two children attending Sonoma Valley schools and is active in the Rotary Club, Sonoma Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee.

## **ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

### **Agenda and Action taken at the September 16, 2015 Meeting include the following:**

- Review By-Laws and Full Text of Measure H
- Elect the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Committee
- Approved Minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting.
- Received tutorial on how to read District Financial Statements
- Received update on Bond Projects

The next meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2015.

### **Agenda and Action taken at the November 4, 2015 Meeting include the following:**

- Approved minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting.
- Approved expenditures for the period February 20, 2015 through June 30, 2015
- Approved expenditures for the period July 1, 2015 through October 29, 2015
- Received update on Bond Projects

The next meeting was scheduled for February 3, 2016

### **Agenda and Action taken at the February 3, 2016 Meeting include the following:**

- Approved Minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting
- Approved expenditures for the period October 29, 2015 through January 29, 2016
- Approve the Measure H Bond Fund Audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015
- Chose the March 8, 2015 to present the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

The next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2016

### **Agenda and Action taken at the February 17, 2016 Meeting include the following:**

- Approved Minutes of the February 3, 2016 Board Meeting
- Review and Approve the Annual Report to be presented to the Board of Trustees on March 8, 2016

The next meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2016

## **Conclusion**

The Committee's activities and actions have been in accordance with the Procedures, Policies and Guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees as well as the duties outlined in Sections 15278 et. seq. of the Education Code. Financial reviews have taken place at each of the Committee's meetings listed.

The total expenditures approved over the period from February 2015 to January 2016 from Fund 22 were \$922,477.92. Fund 21 has been fully expended.

Since inception, total expenditures approved by the Committee have been \$9,866,112.41 and \$4,790,048.02 for Fund 21 and 22, respectively. The District has sold all of the \$40 million in bonds authorized by voters in November 2010.